

ACTIONS NEEDED TO PRESERVE AND EXPAND LOW POWER RADIO

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ACTIONS WHICH *MUST* BE TAKEN IN 2004 TO AVOID A HIGH RISK OF IRREPARABLE DAMAGE

- 1. Establish PRIMARY SERVICE
SERVICE STATUS For All
Low Power FM Stations
(Both LP100 And LP10)**

*Without Primary Service Status,
licensed LPFM stations can be
(and have been) “bumped” off the
air by newcomer or relocating
full power commercial stations*

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- 2. Repeal Statutory Restrictions
On LPFM Channel Spacing**

*These restrictions were inspired by
allegations of LPFM interference,
now discredited by the MITRE Report;
however, the restrictions remain and
are keeping LPFM out of large cities*

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- 3. Initiate 1st “Filing Window” For
LP10 Applications AND 2nd
Window For LP100 Applications**

*The FCC’s multi-year delay is
allowing other applicants to
“jump ahead” of potential LPFM
stations in “the line” for licenses*

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OTHER NEEDED ACTIONS

- 4. Codify, In Statutory Law, The
FCC's Current Regulatory
Restrictions On Ownership Or
Acquisition Of LPFM Licenses
By Larger Broadcasters**

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*Without codification by Congress,
the FCC's current safeguards
could be altered in the future*

- 5. Enact A Statutory Exemption
From Mandatory Auctions For
Low Power Radio Stations (Up
To 250 Watts), At Least On The
AM Band**

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*The present statutory mandate for
license auctions effectively bars the
FCC from considering the option of
allowing commercials on some or all
Low Power Radio stations*

- 6. Establish Low Power AM Radio**
*Even with the repeal of statutory
restrictions: Detroit, Boston and
other cities can only find space for
Low Power Radio on the AM Band*

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- 7. Allow Adjustments To Offset
Service Area Shrinkage Due To
Interference From In Band On
Channel (IBOC) Digital Radio**
*Original service areas are in danger,
especially on the AM Band*

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